



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
 REGION 5
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 CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

JUL 16 2014

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

SE-5J

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Statoil USA Onshore Properties Inc.
 c/o Capital Corporate Services, Inc.
 568 Mayfield Road Suite 204
 Cleveland, Ohio 44121

Re: Statoil Eisenbarth Well Response Site
 Cleveland, Ohio
 Site Spill Identification Number: C53G
 General Notice of Potential Liability

Dear Sir or Madam:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has documented the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants into the environment from the Statoil Eisenbarth Well Response Site (SEWRS) and is planning to spend public funds to control and investigate these releases. This action will be taken by EPA pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601-9675 unless EPA determines that such action will be done properly by a responsible party or parties. Responsible parties under CERCLA include the current and former owners and operators of the SEWRS, and persons who generated the hazardous substances or were involved in the transport, treatment or disposal of the hazardous substances at the SEWRS. Under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), where EPA uses public funds towards the cleanup of the hazardous substances, responsible parties are liable for all costs associated with the removal or remedial action and all other necessary costs incurred in cleaning up the SEWRS, including investigation, planning and enforcement costs.

EPA is currently planning to conduct the following actions at the SEWRS:

- a. Conduct an evaluation that will include the following:
 - i. Monitor, sample, assess, and evaluate migration pathways, both surface and subsurface, for contaminants from the Eisenbarth Well Pad to the unnamed tributary to Opossum Creek;

notify EPA in writing by July 18, 2014 of your willingness to perform or finance the activities described above and to reimburse EPA for its costs. Your response should be sent to: Attn.: Arlene Lilly, Enforcement Specialist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 Superfund Division - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Branch Enforcement Services Section 1, SE-5J 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

If EPA does not receive a timely response, EPA will assume that your organization does not wish to negotiate a resolution of its potential responsibility in connection with the SEWRS and that your organization has declined any involvement in performing the response activities.

Your response should indicate the appropriate name, address and telephone number for further contact with you. If you are already involved in discussions with state or local authorities, engaged in a voluntary cleanup action or involved in a lawsuit regarding this site, you should continue such activities as you see fit. This letter is not intended to advise you or direct you to restrict or discontinue any such activities already underway; however, you are advised to report the status of those discussions or actions in your response to this letter and to provide a copy of your response to any other parties involved in those discussions or actions.

If you need further information regarding this letter, you may contact Sheila McAnaney, Office of Regional Counsel, at 312-353-3114.

Due to the nature of the problem at this facility and the attendant legal ramifications, EPA strongly encourages you to submit a written response within the time frame specified herein. We hope you will give this matter your immediate attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason El-Zein', followed by a small, stylized mark that looks like 'fer'.

Jason El-Zein, Chief
Emergency Response Branch 2

Enclosure

cc: Ilana Saltzbar
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